

Comments in Response to Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
MB Docket No. 04-233

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FCC Mail Room

I submit the following comments in response to the Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (the "NPRM"), released Jan. 24, 2008, in MB Docket No. 04-233.

Any new FCC rules, policies or procedures must not violate First Amendment rights. A number of proposals discussed in the NPRM, if enacted, would do so – and must not be adopted.

(1) The FCC must not force radio stations, especially religious broadcasters, to take advice from people who do not share their values. The NPRM's proposed advisory board proposals would impose such unconstitutional mandates. Religious broadcasters who resist advice from those who don't share their values could face increased harassment, complaints and even loss of license for choosing to follow their own consciences, rather than allowing incompatible viewpoints to shape their programming. The First Amendment prohibits government, including the FCC, from dictating what viewpoints a broadcaster, particularly a religious broadcaster, must present.

(2) The FCC must not turn every radio station into a public forum where anyone and everyone has rights to air time. Proposed public access requirements would do so – even if a religious broadcaster conscientiously objects to the message. The First Amendment forbids imposition of message delivery mandates on any religion.

(3) The FCC must not force revelation of specific editorial decision-making information. The choice of programming, especially religious programming, is not properly dictated by any government agency – and proposals to force reporting on such things as who produced what programs would intrude on constitutionally-protected editorial choices.

(4) The FCC must not establish a two-tiered renewal system in which certain licensees would be automatically barred from routine renewal application processing. The proposed mandatory special renewal review of certain classes of applicants by the Commissioners themselves would amount to coercion of religious broadcasters. Those who stay true to their consciences and present only the messages they correspond to their beliefs could face long, expensive and potentially ruinous renewal proceedings.

(5) Many Christian broadcasters operate on tight budgets, as do many smaller market secular stations. Keeping the electricity flowing is often a challenge. Yet, the Commission proposes to further squeeze niche and smaller market broadcasters, by substantially raising costs in two ways: (a) by requiring staff presence whenever a station is on the air and, (b) by further restricting main studio location choices. Raising costs with these proposals would force service cutbacks – and curtailed service is contrary to the public interest.

We urge the FCC not to adopt rules, procedures or policies discussed above.

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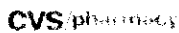
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February 29, 2008



Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554



RE: In the Matter of Broadcast Localism (MB Docket No. 04-223), Report on Broadcast Localism and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Dear Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate:

I am writing in reference to Broadcast Localism, wanting to be sure to let you know what a great experience the *Kid Healthy Steps* project, active in 5 Southern California counties, has had with KABC-TV in the Los Angeles area.

I understand that the FCC recently initiated a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on broadcast localism. I further understand that the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking asserts that broadcasters may not be adequately serving their local communities. As mentioned, this is contrary to our experience with KABC-TV – the station has worked closely with our program representatives in Southern California to ensure that their needs are being met. Their contribution, however, moves beyond this project. Of particular importance to the issue of localism:

- In Southern California, KABC-TV airs programming relevant to the local communities, including populations of color, disabled people, and other underserved audiences;
- KABC-TV reaches out to the community in order to have dialogues about local issues and programming through local meetings or town halls;
- KABC-TV also airs local political programming, such as debates and public affairs shows;
- KABC-TV airs local emergency and disaster warnings and information. I'm reminded here of the recent California firestorm, and severe weather we've been experiencing;

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- And, finally, close to my heart, KABC-TV supports local non-profit efforts. One of these is the *Kid Healthy Steps* project. The station produced and aired PSAs, and has done feature stories on healthy strategies for youth and families. KABC-TV has supported other local organizations, providing on-air awareness of various issues, PSAs, and support with fundraising drives.

It is clear to me that KABC-TV is adequately serving the community. In my opinion, there is no further regulation needed to ensure that KABC-TV serves the community.

Thank you for your attention, if you have any questions, I can be reached at 714-914-1203.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Teichmann".

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To whom it may concern

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My Name is Kalen Thompson and I am writing on behalf of christian Radio Case # 04-233 - it saddens me to hear that the FCC is taking part in that ~~of which~~ it has no part in constitutionally. legally there is no way that Christian Radio should have to take advice from people who do not share the values and the NPRMS proposed advisory board would do just that. In front of me I read all the legal reasons why this is wrong yet I feel that this at this point is not being considered. I pray that I am wrong and that each group that is apart of this will realize that there is no justice here. We as a people have every right both morally and constitutionally to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to speak the truth as follows. Please know I do not write this to demean but to speak out for what is right

P.S. if I can take part in any way let me know

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